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If more than one house are called  
houses  
And more than one mouse are  
mice,  
Then why are two mice not mouses  
And why are two houses not hices?

If a letter is sent and it goes,  
And we know it went when it's  
gone,  
Why hasn't it snent when it snows  
Or the money we spent been spone?

If the vine that clings never clanged,  
But the joke that we spring is  
sprung,  
Why isn't the bell that we ring  
ranged  
Or the door that is banged shut  
bung?

A word that we speak is spoken,  
Why don't we say it is spake?  
Our girl, when a pitcher is broken,  
"Ach, Louis!" she says, "it iss  
break!"

If we lie when we say that we laid  
And we lay when we said that we  
lied,  
Why don't we speak of the needles  
we played  
Or tell of the pieces we plied?

A fish that we catch isn't catched,  
And the roof that we thatch isn't  
thought.

Why don't we speak of a thought that  
was thatched  
Or hear of an egg that was haught?

If a picture that's hung isn't hanged,  
But the man who is hanged isn't  
hung,

Why isn't the song that we sing  
sanged

Or any old thing ever thung?  
—Maurice Smiley in Collier's for  
December 17th.

**On Animals.**

Mr. Editor and Cousins:—I wish  
to write some to The Progressive  
Farmer. I am ten years old. My  
father is gone to live with God and  
the angels. He was a good farmer,  
and took The Progressive Farmer.  
He died when I was four years old,  
and now that I have grown old  
enough to read The Progressive  
Farmer, I thought I would write to  
it. I have one brother and two sis-  
ters, nine nieces and three nephews.  
I have a white pet cat that has a  
flower of a bear's track in black  
spots on his back. He has a black  
tail and a spot on his head. His  
name is Sam. He is one year old  
and weighs six pounds. He is a very  
smart cat. He has caught forty-one  
rats, thirty-nine young rabbits, five  
moles, five birds, two bats, one scor-  
pion, and one partridge. I think he  
is a cousin to the wild cat, as I saw  
some wild cats when I was out at  
Chicago in 1902.

I also saw the grizzly, black, and  
white bears, lions, and leopards, and  
monkeys. While the old mother  
monkey was sitting upon a cage the  
young ones would climb from pole to  
pole. All at once they pounced  
down on the cage and sat by her like  
a boy.

I saw the ostrich with its long,  
long white feathers. I would like  
to tell you we have a gang of birds  
that roost in the box bush of a  
nights, then in the morning they  
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them.

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Hugh is Dutch, the Lofty Man.  
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Gilbert is Saxon, Bright as Gold.  
Jacob is Hebrew, the Supplanter.  
Lucius is Latin, the Shining One.  
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Peter is of Latin origin, the Rock.  
Eunice is Greek, the Fair Victory.  
Florence is Latin, the Blooming

One.  
Leonard, German name, is Lion-  
like.

Ruth is Hebrew and means Beauty.  
Sophia is Greek, and means Wis-  
dom.

Arabella is Latin, the Beautiful  
Altar.

Sarah, Hebrew name, means Prin-  
cess.

Rosamond is Saxon, the Rose of  
Peace.

Caesar, Latin name, means Hairy  
Man.

Agatha is a Greek name, the Good  
One.

James is of Hebrew origin, the  
Beguiler.

Urula, Latin name, means a She  
Bear.

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Laughter.

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Olive Tree.

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Lucius.

Edith and Editha are Saxon, Hap-  
piness.

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Gray.

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Judge.

Keturah, a Hebrew name, means  
Incense.

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the Sea.

Esther is a Hebrew word, meaning  
Secret.

Dagmar is German, the Joy of the  
Danes.

Agnes is of German origin, the  
Chaste One.

Moses, a Hebrew name, means  
Drawn Out.

Matthew, a Jewish name, signi-  
fies A Gift.

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Day Dawn.

Harold, the Champion, is of Saxon  
origin.

Huldah, from the Hebrew, means  
a Weasel.

Naomi is a Hebrew name, the Al-  
luring One.

Eugenia and Eugenie are French,  
Well Born.

Constantine is Latin, signifying  
the Resolute.

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nifying a Bee.

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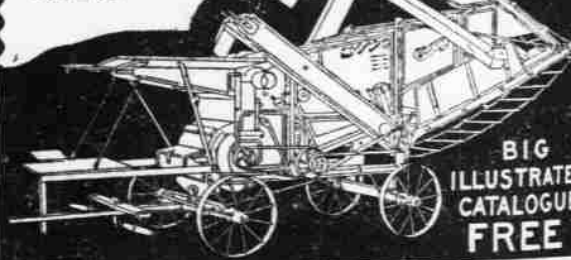
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